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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: BELGRADE CSCE MEETING: POSSIBLE VISIT OF SENATOR DOLE

FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER

FROM USDEL CSCE

REF: BELGRADE 4192

1. AS AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER MENTIONED REFTTEL, I HAVE  
PREPARED MESSAGE FOR SENATOR DOLE, WHICH, IF IT AGREES  
WITH YOUR THINKING, MAY BE PASSED ON IN WHATEVER WAY  
YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE.

2. QUOTE. DELEGATION WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU  
AND YOUR PARTY VISIT BELGRADE DURING PREPARATORY MEETING.  
I WOULD PLAN TO HOST EITHER LUNCHEON OR DINNER AT WHICH  
YOU WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS CSCE INFORMALLY  
WITH APPROPRIATE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. IF MEETING IS  
IN SESSION (SECRETARIAT IS NOT YET CERTAIN WHETHER  
MEETING WILL OBSERVE YUGOSLAV HOLIDAYS JULY 4 AND 7),  
YOU COULD SIT WITH DELEGATION IN CONFERENCE HALL AND OBTAIN  
FEEL FOR DEBATE. WE CONSIDER, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD  
BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO USG INTERESTS IN CSCE FOR  
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YOU OR YOUR AIDE TO ATTEMPT TO MEET WITH DJILAS OR OTHER  
YUGOSLAVE DISSIDENTS DURING THIS TRIP. VISIT BY ANY  
RANKING OFFICIAL AMERICAN TO DISSIDENTS HERE DURING CSCE  
MEETING WOULD BE VIEWED SIMILARLY BY DELEGATION.

3. YUGOSLAVS ARE ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE RIGHT NOW TO ANY  
ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT IMPLY THAT THEY ARE IN THE SAME

CATEGORY AS WARSAW PACT STATES, AS EVIDENCED BY THEIR REACTIONS TO RECENT MILD COMMENTS IN PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CSCE COMMISSION ABOUT THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. THEY WANT TO BE SEEN AS NON-ALIGNED HOSTS. WE EXPECT THAT THEY WOULD REACT PARTICULARLY STRONGLY TO DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN YOU AND YUGOSLAV DISSIDENTS IN BELGRADE WHILE CSCE MEETING IS ON IN VIEW OF YOUR PROMINENCE, YOUR POSITION ON CSCE COMMISSION, AND PROSPECT THAT YOU WILL SERVE ON US DELEGATION TO MAIN CSCE MEETING THIS FALL.

4. YUGOSLAVIA IS BOTH HOST OF BELGRADE MEETING AND HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF KEY NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED GROUP. ITS COOPERATION IS VITAL TO US, IF WE ARE TO OBTAIN SATISFACTORY TECHNICAL DECISIONS THIS SUMMER AND CANDID, NON-POLEMICAL REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION AND POSITIVE ACTION ON NEW PROPOSALS WHICH WE WILL BE SEEKING AT MAIN MEETING THIS FALL. THIS COOPERATION COULD BE SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED IF YUGOSLAVS FEEL WE ARE SEEKING TO EMBARRASS THEM IN THEIR OWN CAPITAL DURING CSCE MEETING. WE ALSO NOTE FROM MOSCOW'S 8761 THAT SOVIETS MAY STILL BE CONSIDERING WHETHER TO CHALLENGE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF CSCE COMMISSION AT BELGRADE. A FLAP OVER MEETING BETWEEN YOU OR YOUR AIDE AND DISSIDENTS IN BELGRADE MIGHT ENCOURAGE SOVIETS TO FIGHT ON THIS ISSUE WITH PROSPECT OF RECEIVING SYMPATHY  
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FROM HOST COUNTRY WHICH HITHERTO HAS BEEN ONLY COUNTRY IN EASTERN EUROPE TO COOPERATE WITH COMMISSION.

5. MEETING IS ONLY IN PRELIMINARY PHASE AND MOVING AT A SLOW DIPLOMATIC PACE. THERE MAY NOT BE A MEETING ON JULY 4 IN VIEW OF TRADITIONAL CSCE PRACTICE OF OBSERVING HOST COUNTRY NATIONAL HOLIDAYS. ALMOST ALL INTERNATIONAL AND WESTERN PRESS HAVE ALREADY LEFT BELGRADE AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT BE HERE ON LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND.  
END QUOTE.  
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